Sl. No.	State	Cash Loss Reduction
1.	Gujarat	1072.30
2.	Maharashtra	579.74
3.	Haryana	210.98
4.	Rajasthan	275.42
	TOTAL	2138.44

In addition to this, States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal have reported reduction in overall losses during the year 2002-03 as compared to previous year.

(b) and (c) The Electricity Act, 2003 is an important instrument of reforms. It provides for measures conducive to development of electricity industry, promoting competition therein. It aims at protecting interest of consumers and supply of electricity to all areas, rationalization of electricity tariff, ensuring transparent policies regarding subsidies, promotion of efficient and environmentally benign policies etc. The new law along with other measures of reforms including Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) are aimed at encouraging the States/Utilities to improve efficiencies.

Delegation of approval power to the State Governments

170. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded powers to State Governments to approve hydro electric and thermal power projects;

(b) if so, whether a large number of State power projects are pending for approval with the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) As per the Electricity Act, 2003, there is no requirement of license for thermal generation. However, any generating company intending to set up a hydro generating station shall prepare and submit to the Authority for its concurrence, a scheme estimated to involve a capital expenditure exceeding such sum as may be fixed by the Central Government from time to time by Notification.

Planning Commission has delegated full powers to State Governments for approval of power projects without any ceiling. Clearance from Planning Commission is to be restricted only to those hydro-electric projects where inter-State issues are involved.

At present, no hydro power project under State Sector is pending with Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for according Techno-Economic clearance.

50,000 MW initiative by PM

†171.SHRI MOTILALVORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has launched a plan called "50,000 MW initiative" under which 162 schemes have been identified;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these schemes would be implemented in the States also; and

(d) if so, the States in which these schemes are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India launched 50,000 MW Hydro Electric Initiative on 24-5-03. This initiative envisages preparation of Preliminary Feasibility Reports (PFRs) of 162 Hydro Electric Schemes having aggregate installed capacity of 50,560 MW located in 16 States. After completion of feasibility studies/ PFRs of these schemes, further steps towards project implementation would be taken up in a phased manner in consultation with the State Governments. State-wise details of the Hydro-electric schemes identified are given in enclosed statement.

Statement

State-wise List of HE Schemes for Preliminary Feasibility Reports (HFRs)

Arunachai Pradesh

S.No.	Scheme/Consultant	River/Basin	I.C.(MW)
NEEPCO			
1.	Bhareli Lift Dam-ll	Kameng	330.0
2.	Bhareli Lift Dam-1	Kameng	240.0
3.	Kapak Leyak	Kameng	195.0
4.	Badao	Kameng	120.0

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.